

and/or to add additional claims. Applicants do not intend to disclaim any subject matter in view of the amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Versions with Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 3-7 have been amended as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A nutritional enteral composition intended for favoring the growth and maturation of non-mature gastro-intestinal tracts of young mammals[, which contains] comprising:

a mixture of dietary protein hydrolysates having a degree of hydrolysis in a range of from about 10% to less than 50% by weight and being in the form of a mixture of different size peptides and free amino acids, the free amino acids being present in an amount of up to about 20% (each calculated as nitrogen x [6,25],) 6.25; and

intact proteins [being partly in form of] comprising bioactive peptides.

3. (Once Amended) The composition according to [any of the preceding claims,] claim 1 wherein the intact proteins are present in an amount of at least about 5% by weight of the total protein content.

4. (Once Amended) The composition according to [any of the preceding claims,] claim 1 wherein the intact proteins are selected from the group consisting of milk proteins, whey proteins, caseins and bioactive proteins, such as TGF- $\beta$ .

5. (Once Amended) The composition according to [any of the preceding claims,] claim 1 wherein bioactive peptides represent at least about 0.1 to about 4 ng/mg total protein.

6. (Once Amended) The composition according to [any of the preceding claims,] claim 1 which contains a source of protein providing 5 to 30% of the total [energy] caloric content, a source of carbohydrates, which provides 40 to 80% of the total [energy] caloric content, a source of lipids, which provides 5 to 55% of the total [energy] caloric content, and minerals and vitamins to meet daily requirements.

7. (Once Amended) A method of preparing [Use of a composition according to any of the preceding claims for the preparation of] a nutritional enteral composition intended for favoring the growth and maturation of non-mature gastro-intestinal tracts of young mammals comprising the step of using as a protein source a mixture of dietary protein hydrolysates having a degree of hydrolysis in a range of from about 10% to less than 50% by weight and being in the form of a mixture of different size peptides and free amino acids, the free amino acids being present in an amount of up to about 20% (each calculated as nitrogen x 6.25) and intact proteins that are at least partially in the form of bioactive peptides.

Claims 8-24 have been added.

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